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SUBJECT: RAMSEY CLARK COMMENTS ON CHILE FOR EXCELSIOR

1. MAJOR RADICAL INDEPENDENT EXCELSIOR ON JUNE 9 AND 10 PUBLISHED AN EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW UNDER THE BYLINE OF REGINO DIAZ WITH FORMER ATTORNEY GENERAL RAMSEY CLARK. APPARENTLY THE MAJOR SUBJECT OF DISCUSSION IN THE INTERVIEW WAS CHILE. CLARK'S COMMENTS WERE EXTREMELY CRITICAL OF THE PRESENT GOC.

2. CLARK IS QUOTED DIRECTLY AS FOLLOWS: "IN CHILE THE DECREES AND LAWS ARE MADE ARBITRARILY BY THE MILITARY JUNTA; LAW IS APPLIED RETROACTIVELY, TERROR REIGNS, TORTURE IS THE HABITUAL METHOD AND EACH AND EVERY ARTICLE OF THE DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IS OUTRAGEOUSLY VIOLATED." CLARK IS FURTHER QUOTED AS PREDICTING CIVIL WAR IN CHILE IF THE CHILEAN PEOPLE CONTINUE TO BE DEPRIVED OF THEIR RIGHTS AND GUARANTEES. CLARK, ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE, SAW ALLENDE AS VALIANTLY TRYING TO IMPROVE CONDITIONS IN CHILE VIA DEMOCRATIC PROCESSES. HE SAYS THAT DOCUMENTS PUBLISHED BY EXCELSIOR (RELATING TO TORTURE AND POLICE BRUTALITY) ARE "TYPICAL OF WHAT I SAW IN CHILE". THE REPORTER INDICATES THAT CLARK

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HAS NO DOUBT MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS CONTRIBUTED TO

THE FALL OF ALLENDE. HOWEVER, IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION WHETHER SUCH CORPORATIONS HAD INTERFERED IN CHILEAN POLITICAL AFFAIRS, CLARK IS QUOTED AS SAYING "I HONESTLY DON'T KNOW".

3. COMMENT: THE CLARK INTERVIEW OR PORTIONS OF IT ARE APT TO BE PICKED UP AND REPEATED IN OTHER LA COUNTRIES. HIS REPORTED COMMENTS ARE SO CLOSE TO THE LINE FOLLOWED BY EXCELSIOR ON THE CHILEAN ISSUE THAT THE INTERVIEW SEEMS CALCULATED TO SUPPORT THAT LINE. COPIES OF COMPLETE INTERVIEW BEING POUCHED TO ARA/MEX AND SANTIAGO. JOVA

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